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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (New) A settlement method in a settlement system for settling, using a settlement terminal device, payment for products for account settlement, provided by a service provision device configured to enable the provision of services to an information terminal device, comprising the steps of:

 said service provision device receiving access from said information terminal device;

 said service provision device receiving a choice of prescribed products from said information terminal device;

 said service provision device receiving, as a payment method for the prescribed products, a choice of online slips or ID numbers to be displayed on said information terminal device from the information terminal device;

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said service provision device transmitting the online slip with an ID number recorded to said information terminal device, and transmitting the ID number of the online slip to a settlement authentication device when said service provision device receives the online slip as the choice of the payment method for the prescribed product; and transmitting the ID number to be displayed on said information terminal device to the information terminal device and the settlement authentication device when said service provision device receives the ID number to be displayed on the information terminal device as the choice of the payment method for the prescribed product;

said settlement terminal device reading the ID number recorded on the online slip that is output from said information terminal device or the ID number displayed on the information terminal device, and thereby performing settlement;

said settlement terminal device transmitting information on the settlement to said settlement authentication device;

said settlement authentication device performing authentication of the settlement, and transmitting the settlement result to said service provision device; and

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thereby supplying the prescribed product to a user.

19. (New) A settlement method in a settlement system for settling, using a settlement terminal device, payment for products for account settlement, provided by a service provision device configured to enable the provision of services to an information terminal device, comprising the steps of:

 said service provision device receiving access from said information terminal device;

 said service provision device receiving a choice of prescribed products from said information terminal device by:

 said service provision device receiving, as a payment method for the prescribed products, a choice of online slips or ID numbers to be displayed on said information terminal device from the information terminal device;

 said settlement authentication device requiring the acquisition of the online slip with an ID number recorded or the ID number to be displayed on said information terminal device by said information terminal device;

 said settlement terminal device reading the ID number recorded on the online slip that is output from said

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information terminal device or the ID number displayed on the information terminal device, and thereby performing settlement;

said settlement terminal device transmitting information on the settlement to said settlement authentication device;

said settlement authentication device performing authentication of the settlement, and transmitting the settlement result to said service provision device; and thereby supplying the prescribed product to a user.